

**EXPEDITED HANDLING PROCEDURE  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

**Application Serial No. 10/642,202  
Response to Office Action dated January 3, 2005**

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In view of the amendments made to the claims and in view of the following remarks, entry of this amendment/response after final and reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

At present, claims 1-26 have been allowed and claim 29 has been indicated to contain allowable subject matter. Therefore, only claims 27, 28 and 30-34 stand rejected as being anticipated by Jordan, Jr. Patent No. 5,743,025. Although the Applicant disagrees with the Examiner concerning the application of the Jordan, Jr. patent for at least the reasons outlined in the prior response filed on October 27, 2004, in order to further the prosecution in this application, the subject matter of claim 29 has been added to independent claim 27. Given the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 29, it is respectfully submitted that claim 27 should now be in clear condition for allowance. Correspondingly, claim 29 has been canceled.

In addition to the above change, a minor typographical error was noted in claim 26 such that this claim has been amended to refer to the "laundry appliance" for proper antecedent basis.

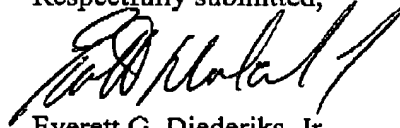
In view of the indication of allowable subject matter in this application and the manner in which the claims have been amended, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-28 and 30-34 should now be in clear condition for allowance. Therefore,

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entry of this amendment/response, allowance of the claims and passage of the same to issue is respectfully requested.

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